

BATHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C MEETING MINUTES

21 September 2016

Attendees:

Tony McBurney, Kate White, Tracey Platt, Luisa Simeonidis, Angela Morris, Jodie Goninan, Liz Arrow, Brenda Cutler, Deborah Munns, Rennetta Wolfe, Cindy Fox

Apologies:

Annabelle Hillsdon, Sueann Brown, Heather Price, Sally Hamer, Deb North.

Meeting opened: 7.10pm

Motion: *That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 August 2016 be adopted as a true and accurate record of events.*

Moved: Angela Morris

Seconded: Liz Arrow

Motion carried all in favour.

Principal's report

Tabled at meeting.

Discussion about McMullen Hall access and the potential legal implications of someone falling down the slope. Kate recently raised this issue with the district office but they are unwilling to pay as there is already a level pathway to the hall. We discussed the possibility of the P&C funding this project and Tony offered to look into potential solutions, such as tiered seating. Kate indicated she would also raise it again with the department. There was also concern that anyone requiring wheelchair access from Lambert St needs to report to the front office first (which does not have wheelchair access – a Catch 22).

Kate reported that due to continued growth, next year an additional classroom will be located in space currently used by reading recovery (which will be relocated). The administration area of the school will also be reconfigured.

She said the plan to convert Lambert St hall into classrooms was still on the agenda – the department is just waiting for funding (so unlikely to be next year). She has not been told whether the promised heritage report has been completed (so we need to follow this up).

We again queried why space in the district office (which has recently been refurbished) can't be utilised for some district resources rather than locating them in our full-to-the-brim school.

President's report

Tony commended the school on the excellent behaviour of students at recent school and public events, such as the Eisteddfod.

Treasurer's report

Tabled at meeting.

Motion: *That the P&C purchase 7 x \$20 sports vouchers for Western Region reps listed in the Principal's report.*

Moved: Angela Morris

Seconded: Liz Arrow

Motion carried all in favour.

Motion: *That we amend the cost of Kindy Tea Towels listed in the August minutes from \$680 to \$709.09.*

Moved: Angela Morris

Seconded: Liz Arrow

Motion carried all in favour.

Motion: *That the treasurer's September 2016 report be adopted.*

Moved: Angela Morris

Seconded: Tracey Platt

Motion carried all in favour.

Canteen committee reports

Tabled at meeting.

Motion: *The P&C confirms that it supports the Canteen Committee's recommendation to employ Liz Arrow on a casual basis in the canteen when the canteen manager is on leave.*

Motion carried all in favour.

It was noted that the Canteen committee is investigating how to fill this vacancy when Liz is not available. It was also suggested that Kindy and infant parents might be a good target market when recruiting new volunteers.

There was unanimous support for making Thursday a permanent canteen day following the successful trial period but we felt it best to make this decision with additional canteen committee members present. Therefore we decided to hold over the notice of motion about canteen operating days until next month.

Motion: *That the canteen committee's September 2016 reports be adopted.*

Moved: Liz Arrow

Seconded: Luisa Simeonidis

Motion carried all in favour.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Retirement of Mr Given

Motion: That the P&C purchase a \$60 Bunnings gift voucher for Mr Given in recognition of his recent retirement and valuable contribution to the school.

Moved: Deb Munns **Seconded:** Angela Morris

Father's Day review

Agreement that this was another successful event. Thankyou to Deb North for coordinating and the volunteers who helped out on the day. We discussed the need for large coffee plungers and possibly purchasing these for our next BBQ event.

Purchase of event marquee

Nothing to report – follow up next meeting.

Cricket net resurfacing

Nothing to report – follow up next meeting.

Family photo day

Email from Sueann that flyers had been distributed but more bookings were needed for this to go ahead. It was suggested that we set a cut-off date and promote this in the newsletter and via Facebook to encourage people to act sooner rather than later. Tracey to follow up with Sueann.

Library makeover

New shelving approved at the August meeting is currently being ordered - Kate expects it will be delivered early next term. There was also praise for the vibrant new sign that has been erected on the outside wall.

There was further discussion about plans to brighten up the internal stairwell and Jodie suggested a mural with an international theme to reflect the school's cultural diversity. There was support for this idea but we felt it may be suited to a more visible position (perhaps the canteen). Jodie will look into this idea further, while the stairwell remains a 'work in progress'.

Book club/ clothing pool

The clothing pool continues to be swamped by lost property. Meeting voted to purchase laundry powder for Liz who regularly takes it home and washes it.

The meeting recognised the amazing volunteer work Liz provides to the school, especially in the canteen and clothing pool. Tony suggested it would be fitting to reinstate the 'P&C Star of the Month' award, with Liz as the first recipient (though what she actually receives for that title is tba...☺)

Other Business:

- **Year 6 gifts** – Deb requested contact information for the supplier of last year's signature bears and Year 6 enrolment numbers so she can obtain pricing.

Motion: The P&C executive be given authority to approve the cost of Year 6 gifts if they need to be ordered before the October general meeting.

Moved: Liz Arrow **Seconded:** Tracey Platt

- **Year 6 tea towels** – Brenda has volunteered to coordinate. Angela suggested that all payments be made via the school to avoid double-handling money and that we increase the price as kindergarten tea towels didn't make any profit this year.
- **Historic school artwork donation** – Deb advised that the freight to obtain this artwork is more than originally expected due to its weight and Qld location.

Motion: The P&C pay up to \$300 towards the cost of packaging and freight of the original architectural drawings of the school.

Moved: Deb Munns **Seconded:** Liz Arrow

Correspondence

- **Gonski petition – NSW P&C Federation**

Even though Kate said Gonski provides minimal funding for our school we decided to promote the online petition to parents in the newsletter and place paper copies at the school office for parents to sign.

Next Meeting: 19 October 2016

Meeting Closed: 9pm